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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, U-2R Configuration
Evaluation Committee**

SUBJECT: U-2R Pilot Systems

It is the opinion of the undersigned that it is completely unrealistic to believe that a pilot could safely fly a U-2 Aircraft for 17 plus hours. It is conceivable, however, that a pilot could withstand the strain of missions with a duration of 12 to 15 hours. With this in mind, it is the undersigned's opinion that the proposed U-2R's cockpit will require major improvements in so far as size, instrument arrangement, and other items leading to pilot comfort before it could become acceptable for flights of up to 15 hours.

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